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QUOTE

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SUBJ: PHYSICAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS

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1. DR SETHNA ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED REFTEL PROPOSAL TO  
INITIATE PHYSICAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS THROUGH VISIT OF US TEAM  
TO INDIA. OBVIOUSLY GROUND HAD BEEN WELL PREPARED BY MESSRS  
SEAMANS  
AND KENNEDY IN TALKS IN VIENNA.

2. AFTER NOTING THAT HE HAD EXPECTED DISCUSSIONS ON PHYSICAL  
SECURITY TO BE INITIATED BY VISIT OF INDIAN EXPERT TO THE U.S.,  
DR SETHNA SAID HE WAS QUITE PREPARED TO REVERSE SEQUENCE AND START  
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WITH VISIT BY U.S. TEAM HERE. HE ONLY CAUTIONED THAT AS NOTICE EXTREMELY SHORT, VISIT PROPOSED REFTEL WOULD HAVE TO BE REGARDED AS A PRELIMINARY ONE, WHICH WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER, PROBABLY AFTER AN INDIAN EXPERT VISITS THE U.S. DURING THE INTERVAL. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT CERTAIN IT POSSIBLE, HE WOULD TRY TO PROVIDE SOME CIVIL ENGINEERING DRAWINGS FOR A REVIEW BY U.S. EXPERTS BEFORE DEPARTURE OF TEAM FROM WASHINGTON. HE HOPED TO HAVE THESE DATA READY EARLY NEXT WEEK FOR CONSULATE GENERAL TO TRANSMIT VIA POUCH.

3. HE NOTED THAT PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF TEAM ACTIVITIES IN INDIA DID NOT FULLY LIVE UP TO STATED PURPOSES OF VISIT WHICH SEEMED TO ENVISAGE VISIT TO ALL FACILITIES WHICH PROCESS US-SUPPLIED MATERIAL. TO ACHIEVE THAT END, TEAM WOULD ALSO HAVE TO VISIT HYDERBAD WHERE ENRICHED URANIUM HEXAFLORIDE FROM US IS CONVERTED INTO FUEL ELEMENTS FOR TARAPUR REACTORS. HE SUGGESTS THAT TEAM ADD A DAY TO ITS INDIAN SCHEDULE AND ARRANGE TO FLY TO HYDERBAD FROM BOMBAY ONE MORNING AND RETURN IN THE EVENING. (THERE ARE DAILY FLIGHTS.) HE SUGGESTED THAT VISIT TO HYDERBAD FOLLOW TRIP TO TARAPUR BUT PRECEDE FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIAN AEC IN BOMBAY. THUS HE SEEMS TO ENVISAGE HAVING HYDERBAD VISIT OCCUR ON PENULTIMATE DAY OF TEAM'S STAY IN INDIA. AS INDIAN AEC WILL BE WORKING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, IT WILL BE NO INCONVENIENCE FOR INDIANS IF DAY IS ADDED TO END OF SCHEDULE RATHER THAN BEGINNUING ALTHOUGH SETHNA IS QUITE PREPARED TO RECEIVE TEAM ON 10TH RATHER THAN 11TH IF THAT IS MORE CONVENIENT FOR AMERICAN SIDE.

4. ONLY DISCORDANT NOTE OCCURRED WHEN HE NOTED THAT TEAM IS COMING THROUGH NEW DELHI AND IS PREPARED FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI THERE. HE EMPHASIZED QUITE SHARPLY THAT RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TALKS WITH GOI IN NEW DELHI, TIME COULD BE SPENT MUCH BETTER IN BOMBAY - PARTICULARLY AS EXTRA DAY IS NEEDED FOR HYDERBAD VISIT AND HE ALSO WANTS TEAM TO VISIT TROMBAY IF THAT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE.

5. THIS WAS MY FIRST CALL ON CHAIRMAN SETHNA AND HE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE CORDIAL PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF VERY SHORT NOTICE. HE STRESSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HIS DESIRE TO PICK UP WITH ME FRIENDLY TALKS THAT HE HAD HAD WITH MY PREDECESSOR OVER A PERIOD OF MANY MONTHS. HE OBVIOUSLY PLACES HIGH VALUE ON HELP HE NOW GETTING AND LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUE RECEIVING FROM U.S.  
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5. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM SETHNA CONFIRMING HIS WHOLE-HEARTED ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED VISIT, AND EMPHASIZING NEED TO ADD AN EXTRA DAY TO BOMBAY PORTION OF VISIT.  
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